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Lynnhaven Channel dredging complete

Channel now boasts safer, straighter navigation for boaters and new sand for beachgoers

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va -- After two years, removal of a possible 200 year old shipwreck and the displacement of more than 210,000 cubic yards of sand, boaters can now enter and leave the Lynnhaven Channel safely, in a straight and direct path. On July 31, contractors working for the Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are expected to complete all work on dredging the channel, straightening it from its previous dogleg course, making it safer for boaters to traverse in and out.

The original course the channel made was in the shape of a dogleg which was created to avoid the historical shipwreck, and during low visibility made it treacherous on boaters to navigate through the channel.

Boaters are not the only beneficiaries of the \$1.5 million dredging project, area residents who frequent Ocean Park Beach will notice a beach that has been replenished with more than 200,000 cubic yards of high-quality beach sand. The enlarged beach will also help protect numerous high value homes from storm surges and tidal flooding in the event of tropical storms, hurricanes and nor'easter's.

All these benefits received by the City of Virginia Beach and area residents came from federal spending with out any cost accrued by the localities.

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